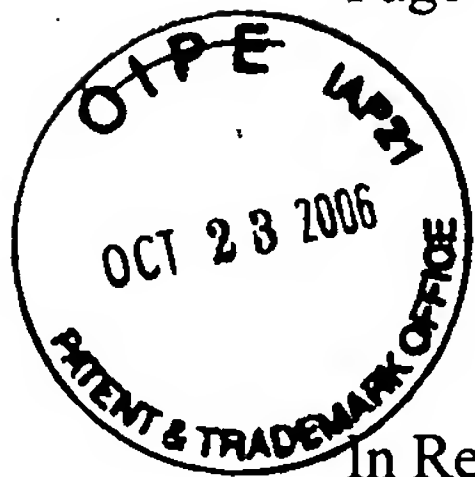


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Sir:

In conjunction with the Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 Form, and copies of references cited therein, we note that four of the documents cited under "Foreign Patent Documents", and supplied, are not in English : DE 198 57 993 C; DE 29 09 148, Bioregion (2003); Ecological ship paint. In BioRegion Newsletter May 2003, page 14; and Ship-building Society e.V. (1992): STG guideline No. 2221 "Corrosion protection for ships and maritime construction, Part 3 Servicing Corrosion Protection Systems", Hamburg, pages 1-36.

To comply with MPEP 609, we provide the following concise statements of relevance for these references.

Regarding DE 198 57 993 C, this reference is cited in the text of our patent application on page 6, in the fifth full paragraph. The relevance of this reference is described therein. In particular, DE 198 57 993 C discloses the basic structure of right/right warp-knitted meshes.

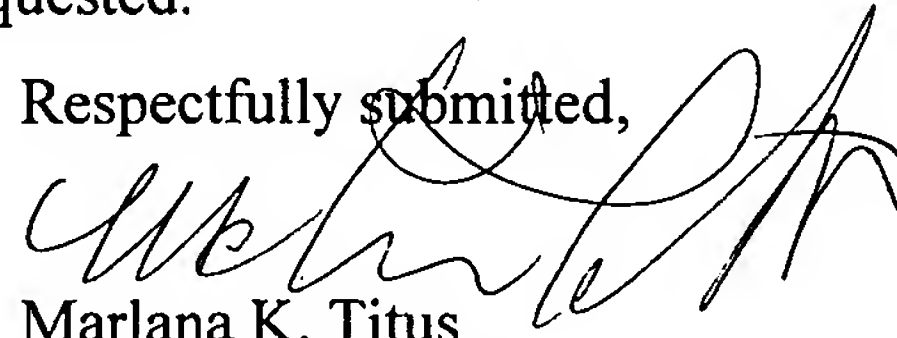
Regarding DE 29 09 148, this reference is cited in the text of our patent application on page 7, in the third full paragraph. The relevance of this reference is described therein. In particular, DE 29 09 148 discloses methods of manufacturing basalt fibers used according to our invention.

Regarding Bioregion (2003), this reference is cited in the text of our patent application on page 3, in the third full paragraph. The relevance of this reference is described therein. In particular, Bioregion (2003) describes trials currently being conducted (as of the time the application was filed) with fibers made of hemp.

Regarding Ship-building Society e.V. (1992), this reference is cited in the text of our patent application on page 10, in the second full paragraph labeled "Test plates". The relevance of this reference is described therein. In particular, Ship-building Society e.V. (1992) describes the guideline STG 2221 according to which the degree of coverage of fouling groups was determined in the testing.

The criteria for MPEP 609 having been met for these non-English references, entry and consideration on the record are requested.

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